

*** DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – Summer 2006 Monsoons & Flooding ***

WHEREAS, between July 25, 2006 and August 4, 2006 a series of potent monsoon thunderstorms, spawning hail, damaging winds and flash floods damaged many locations in southeastern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, areas of the Santa Cruz, San Pedro, and Gila watersheds exceeded their 1993 flood stages in portions of Pinal, Pima, Cochise, Graham and Gila Counties and the most devastating impacts were in Pima and Pinal Counties; and

WHEREAS, Gila, Pima and Pinal counties' Board's of Supervisors declared states of emergency for their counties for the flooding and condition of extreme peril to public health and safety of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, several homes were inundated with water and mud, residents were evacuated, shelters were opened and several homes were isolated by the floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, public infrastructure was impacted as roads and bridges were overtopped by floodwaters, with many sustained extensive damage and erosion; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and


WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in the event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the Summer 2006 Monsoons & Flooding Emergency justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Pinal and Pima Counties due to the Summer 2006 Monsoons & Flooding Emergency, effective July 26, 2006 through August 4, 2006; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and

- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as may be determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Eighth day of August in the Year Two Thousand Six and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-first.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

